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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH MILITARIES TO CONDUCT JOINT DISASTER RELIEF EXERCISE

DHAKA, AUGUST 10 -- A United States Marine Corps team based in Okinawa, Japan is visiting Bangladesh to participate in a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief simulation exercise called “Durjoge Durnibar,” (which means “fearless in any disaster”) with the Bangladesh Armed Forces. The five-day exercise will simulate disaster relief operations following an earthquake.

Joint exercises improve the ability of the U.S. and Bangladesh to work together in future natural disasters as well as demonstrate the United States Government’s commitment to Bangladesh and to regional security by promoting military-to-military relationships throughout Asia and the Pacific region. In addition to disaster preparedness, our militaries have worked in partnership on issues ranging from humanitarian assistance to medical training.

The U.S. Marine Corps team is led by Brigadier General Ronald Bailey, who commanded the U.S. military forces that provided immediate humanitarian assistance following Cyclone Sidr.

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